

# Health Safety Net Quick Reference for Providers

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Category	Sub-category	Regulation Effective Date	Description	Availability/Compliance Date
<b>Consumer Outreach and Information</b>	Commonwealth Care eligible but unenrolled consumer mailing for current eligibles from 150-300% FPL	Oct. 1, 2007	MassHealth consumer mailing.	Mailing dates: Oct. 9, 16, 22; Nov. 12
	HSN eligible consumer mailing	----	Consumer mailing outlines UCP to HSN transition, including new co-pay amounts.	November – January
	Patient FAQs and information sheet	----	DHCFP posts on <a href="http://www.mass.gov/dhcfp">www.mass.gov/dhcfp</a>	Now available online.
<b>Provider Outreach, Training and Information</b>	HSN Policy presentation		DHCFP presents at MassHealth Technical Forums.	Oct. 10, 12, 18, 23, 26
	Provider FAQs	----	DHCFP posts on <a href="http://www.mass.gov/dhcfp">www.mass.gov/dhcfp</a>	Now available online. Updated regularly.
	REVS messages	----	Transmittal letters and appendix Y amended.	October ( <i>late</i> )
	MEC CPU/ customer service training	----	----	October ( <i>mid-late</i> )
	Eligibility operations memorandum	----	MassHealth posts on <a href="http://www.mass.gov/masshealth">www.mass.gov/masshealth</a> .	October ( <i>mid</i> )
	HSN Hospital Provider Trainings	----	HSN conducts provider trainings that address HSN eligibility, hospital payments, and hospital billing.	Boston: Nov. 27, 29, 30 Holyoke: Dec. 3 New Bedford: Dec. 4 Shrewsbury: Dec. 5
<b>Eligibility Systems Updates</b>	Virtual Gateway, REVS, and MA-21	Oct. 1, 2007	HSN implementation updates incorporated.	Nov. 3, 2007

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<b>Commonwealth Care Eligibility</b>	Commonwealth Care eligible but unenrolled (for current eligibles from 150-300% FPL)	Oct. 1, 2007	REVS shows 60 days of HSN eligibility from the date of the patient's consumer mailing.	Nov. 3, 2007
	Commonwealth Care eligible but unenrolled (new determination)	Oct. 1, 2007	REVS shows HSN eligibility from 10 days prior to the date of application until 90 days after the date of application (or until MCO coverage starts).	Nov. 3, 2007
	Commonwealth Care eligible patients: Eligibility between enrollment and coverage start date	Oct. 1, 2007	REVS indicates HSN eligibility from date of enrollment in Commonwealth Care MCO to MCO coverage start date.	Nov. 3, 2007
	Commonwealth Care enrolled: Replacement of full secondary with dental-only secondary	Oct. 1, 2007	Replacement of secondary UCP with HSN – Secondary for eligible dental services only for Commonwealth Care enrolled patients between 100 and 300% FPL.	Oct. 1, 2007
<b>MassHealth Eligibility</b>	MassHealth Basic & MassHealth Essential eligible but unenrolled in MCO (current eligibles)	Oct. 1, 2007	UCP until Sept. 30, 2007. On Oct. 1, 2007 REVS will show 90 days of HSN eligibility going forward.	Nov. 3, 2007
	MassHealth Basic & MassHealth Essential eligible but unenrolled in MCO (new determination)	Oct. 1, 2007	REVS shows HSN eligibility from 10 days prior to the date of application until 90 days after the date of application (or until member enrolls).	Nov. 3, 2007
	MassHealth Premium Assistance eligible but unenrolled	Oct. 1, 2007	Ineligible for HSN. If enrolled, eligible only for HSN Secondary.	Nov. 3, 2007

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	MassHealth Full Benefit Program eligible	Oct. 1, 2007	Patients enrolled in MassHealth Standard, Basic, Essential, Family Assistance/Direct Coverage, or CommonHealth are not eligible for HSN Secondary.	Oct. 1, 2007
<b>Health Safety Net (HSN) Eligibility</b>	HSN Primary	Oct. 1, 2007	Eligibility based on 0 to 200 percent FPL income and a lack of insurance, and beginning in April, 2008, a lack of access to affordable insurance.	REVS: Nov. 3, 2007
	HSN Secondary	Oct. 1, 2007	Eligibility based on 0 to 200 percent FPL income and enrollment in other insurance.	REVS: Nov. 3, 2007
	HSN Partial	Oct. 1, 2007	Eligibility based on 201 to 400 percent FPL income. HSN Partial deductible amount remains the same as UCP amount.	REVS: Nov. 3, 2007
	HSN Co-Payments	TBD	For patients between 100 and 200 percent FPL: Outpatient - \$5 Inpatient Admission - \$50 Emergency Room Visit - \$50 (waived if admitted to hospital) Pharmacy - \$1 generic/\$3 brand-name * Pharmacy co-payments apply regardless of FPL ** No co-payments for children at any FPL *** No co-payments, excluding pharmacy, for services provided at a CHC, HLCHC, satellite clinic or hospital exempt from the Critical Access Provision; or, ancillary visits that do not involve a patient/clinician face-to-face meeting.	TBA
	Access to Affordable Insurance	Apr. 1, 2008	Individuals with access to affordable private or Employer-Sponsored Insurance (ESI) are no longer eligible for the HSN, unless awaiting an employer's open enrollment period. Once enrolled, individuals are eligible for HSN – Secondary.	Apr. 1, 2008

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